Trustee Attacks Chancellor

By GERALD SITSER
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees voted Jan. 4 to censure Trustee Monroe Richman following his physical attack against Chancellor Leslie Koltai at the Dec. 21 Board meeting.

Two of the seven Board members, Rick Tuttle and J. William Orozco, voted not to censure, asking for a delay that would allow the two parties a chance for reconciliation, which was defeated. Richman abstained from voting.

The censure constitutes a public reprimand against Richman for an "act of battery resulting in . . . physical injury to Chancellor Koltai," according to Board President Arthur Bronson.

In a prepared statement read before the vote, Richman accused Koltai of "deriding" his religious beliefs and twice refusing to apologize. Said Richman later, "People don't have any consideration for the sensitivity of others. Mine was trampled on."

According to a Los Angeles Times story, the Board was discussing the observance of Jewish holidays in a proposed school district calendar, over which the two parties exchanged heated remarks. Richman later revealed he had felt the holidays might conflict with registration and the first day of school. The story describes Koltai as questioning the "sincerity of Richman's interests in matters of concern to the Jewish community."

After the chancellor refused to apologize for the remark, Richman walked to the other end of the table, faced Koltai, and struck him. During the ensuing fist-fight, Bronson attempted to separate the two and was struck as well. Tuttle finally eased Richman off, but only after a flag pole was snapped and a district tape recorder was knocked to the floor.

Bronson wouldn't discuss specific statements by the two parties since the meeting was held in executive session which is not open to the public. News of the incident was not made following the fight, but only as a result of the subsequent censure, according to the chancellor's director of communication services, Linda Thor.

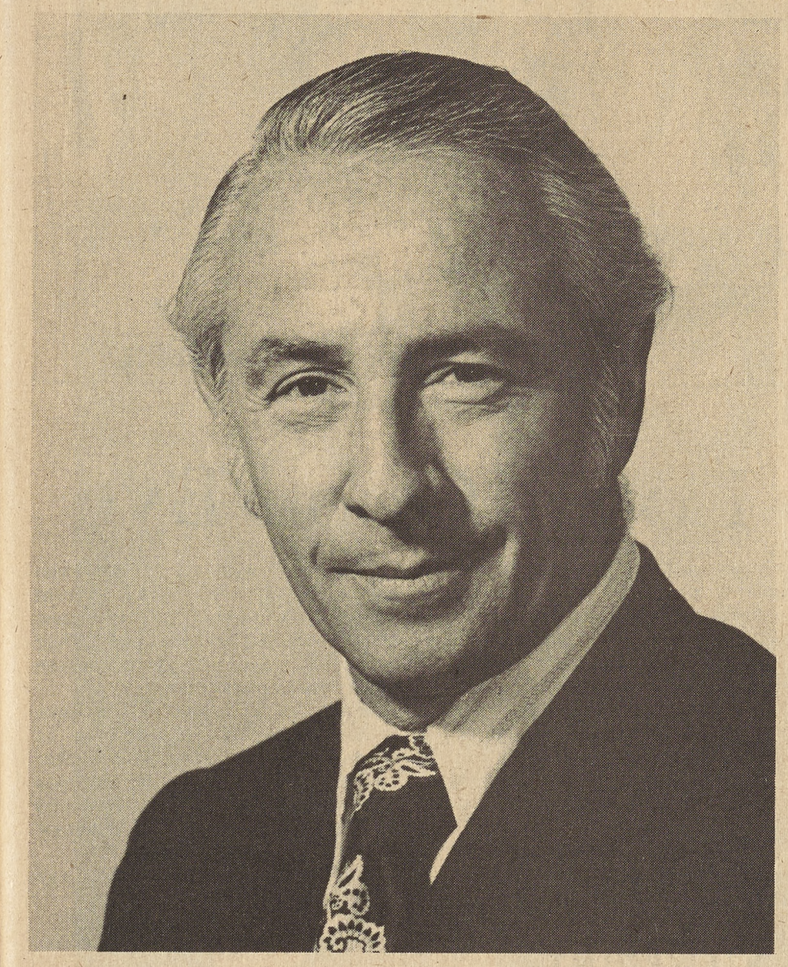
The censure, Thor points out, was entirely a Board action and was not initiated by Koltai. After the Trustees had voted for the reprimand, Koltai announced he might take legal action against Richman. Thor explained that the suit has not yet been filed, although the chancellor is still considering the action. Koltai was unavailable for comment.

Trustee Ralph Richardson was not present when the incident occured, but later voted to censure Richman. "I regretted having to pass such a motion," Richardson said, "but it indicated my displeasure at Richman's actions." The fight was a "shock and a surprise" to Richardson, but he explained that Richman has been involved in previous incidents with the Board, and the anger between him and Koltai was not a surprise.

Richman declined further comment on the episode except to deny any personal hostility against Koltai, pointing to the fact that he voted to renew Koltai's contract.

"But," says Bronson, "Richman's action was totally unjustified. No provocation could warrant such conduct."

ASSAULTED—Chancellor Leslie Koltai, who was attacked by Trustee Monroe Richman, is considering bringing suit against the censured Board member.



AGGRESSOR—Trustee Monroe Richman was censured by the Board for physically assaulting Chancellor Leslie Koltai in a closed-door session.

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Test Schedule Set

The date of your final examination for the Fall Semester 1977 is determined by the first day and the first hour your class meets.

CLASSES MEET AT:	day & Time of Exam
7 or 7:30 a.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Fri., Jan. 27—9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 26—9 a.m.
8 or 8:30 a.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 25—9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan 26—9 a.m.
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Tues., or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 19—9 a.m.
10 or 10:30 a.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Fri., Jan. 20—9 a.m.
Tues., or Thurs.	Tues., Jan. 24—9 a.m.
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Classes which meet only one day per week (modular classes) will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

Classes of less than a semester's length will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

All 4 p.m. classes follow evening final exam schedule.

In case of any conflicts, or to schedule a makeup exam, see your instructor.

Ethics Without God?

VC Professors Discuss Religion

By GLORIA BEVERAGE
Staff Writer

EDITORS NOTE—This is the last in a series of articles dealing with world-wide problems and how professors at Valley view these situations.

"Everybody has to have roots, beliefs, ethics, or a philosophy of life that will take them through the times when they can not cope with what is happening," believes John Maddox, professor of history.

A return to "old-time" religion has become the means of coping for many Americans.

Time magazine reports, "The Bible Belt is in fact bursting the bonds of geography and seems on the verge of becoming a national state of mind."

"The Jesus Movement is one thing that people dabble in to try to discover some reality that is not measurable in scientific terms," says Maddox. "Basically, these people are not happy before they enter into these movements. They are trying to give meaning to their existence."

"Religion is providing people with new insight into the meaning of life," continued Maddox. As the Southern Baptist deacon testifies, "It works . . . or at least so far."

Professor of philosophy, Patrick Maguire, explained his views on religion and its revival. "Religion as it is structured at the present time fails to satisfy people's needs."

"Society would be better off without religion. It puts one in a cage intellectually," states Maguire, an ex-Catholic priest-turned-atheist.

Maguire believes religion is not necessary to one's existence. "We can be ethical without religion," he said. "People believe you must be religious in order to be good. In reality, society determines its ethics."

"Morality has to be connected with religion because it is a judgement of right or wrong," counters Maddox. "Every system of right or wrong that I am familiar with has the concept of divinity connected with it."

Religious training is often one means of instilling the ethics into society. As Maddox puts it, "It is critical in the first 12 years because as the child gets older, the training will broaden his perspectives."

On the other hand, Maguire believes he would treat a child's belief in religion in the same way one would treat his belief in Santa Claus. "Maybe for psychological reasons, it would be good for children to have fantasies," he said.

Both men agree that religion is very much a part of America's culture.

"However," Maguire feels, "we would have to have a better society before we can exist without religion."

Maguire believes society must overcome the separateness and the isolation which exists, to become a better society. "In our society your house is your prison. Your car is your prison. The only contact with society at all is through TV."

"When you leave religion, the human being becomes the most important thing around," Maguire continued. "I'm not inclined to be judgmental towards people. I try to understand a person's motivations. Once you understand that, then you can forgive or understand as necessary."

Human companionship and friendship, as Maguire explained, are the greatest things society has. He believes these qualities are possible without religion.

Maddox compares religion to seeing children open their presents on Christmas morning. "People get great satisfaction and joy from seeing those kids happy. I think people feel the same need to be useful to other people."

VC Drug Education Center 'Best in City'

"Nobody in the whole city has a film library like ours," claims Dr. Merle Fish, coordinator of Valley's Drug Education Program.

According to Fish, the Drug Education Center serves over 50,000 people a year with free lending of over 30 of the best films on drugs, some two dozen sound filmstrips, a multitude of literature, a reference library and some display materials.

Formed in February, 1970, the program's thrust is education and prevention of drug abuse. "Many of the public schools and other public agencies turn to us as their chief source of material for drug education," Fish states. "Until a year and a half ago, ours was the only facility of its kind."

Originally called the Narcotics Information Resource Center, the name was changed four years ago. "The term drug education is convenient," Fish explained. "It includes practically everything, while 'narcotics' is too limited a term."

Another reason for changing the center's name was that the drug scene had changed. "It is very significant that drugs have become an accepted part of our culture," Fish stated.

"Kids are now using the same drugs as their parents. They are using 'approved' drugs."

'Approved' drugs, Fish explained, include alcohol, tobacco, diet pills and even aspirin.

Thus the emphasis of the center has been directed to informing the public about drugs. "Every drug is a poison," Fish said. "Every drug will do damage at the same time it is helping the body. Even aspirin, when used in excessive amounts, has caused internal bleeding."

Fish advises, "Take or use drugs only in special situations when it will be of value to the body. If one continues to abuse their body with excessive drugs, the body will lose its resiliency."

Fish, who has been in charge of the center since 1972, finds the job challenging. "Drug education is one of the most interesting fields. It changes from week to week."

What is the future of the center?

Fish states, "We are mainly in the process of keeping good films in good enough condition so they will survive in the next couple of years. Eventually the program will probably just disappear."

Problem of Academic Standards Discussed by President Thurston

By JIM BOLAND
Editor-in-Chief

With academic standards becoming the most controversial issue in the country's schools, Valley College President Alice J. Thurston expressed a desire to air her views.

Thurston's first point was that this is a national issue and certainly not unique to Valley.

"The same problems we're experiencing are common to schools like Stanford and Harvard," stated Thurston.

The problems of inflated grades, the decline of the liberal arts, and a lack of writing skills have surfaced due to the college turmoil of the sixties, according to Thurston.

"During the sixties, students throughout the country were screaming for 'relevance'" in their education. As a result of the "relevance" outcries, the scope of classes that could fulfill general education requirements were broadened. Many students now use what was originally designed as a vocational class to meet the requirements for a science course.

One other cause for the current lax standards was the "explosion of knowledge." With so much knowledge made available we could not define what a well-rounded education was.

Currently a sub-committee of the Valley College Curriculum Committee is working on a clear-cut definition of what a well rounded education consists of.

Thurston feels that this is of the utmost importance before taking any steps that could prove detrimental.

Currently there are two basic approaches to correcting the problem: the conservative and the liberal and Thurston disapproves of both.

"The conservative approach states that we should go back to 'The-good-old-days,' but I don't feel the going backwards will find a solution," Thurston stated. "On the other hand the liberal stand may say that we have to revamp everything and become totally innovative. Should this occur we may lose the benefits of the things that were correct in the past and we will wind up with a cut and paste job."

As an educational moderate she feels that we should look for a middle-of-the-road approach toward a solution.

One area she would like to see encompassed in any revisions would be that all classes require some degree of composition work.

"We are putting too heavy a burden on the English Department if we expect them to be solely responsible for teaching students how to write."

In reference to the recent findings by the Valley College Academic Standards Committee that an A.A. degree is "virtually meaningless," Thurston commented, "Degrees vary in value, and a degree is no guarantee for anything. Still our degrees are of value to those students who have made the correct choices in selecting classes. "She added that when a student has received an A.A. they have shown that they have the determination to stick to a constructed program to its completion.

In light of the recent findings that Los Angeles City School high school seniors were reading at a level that was in the lowest twenty percent in the nation, Thurston agreed with many educators who feel that the problem could get a lot worse before getting better.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS—Alice J. Thurston, Valley College President, discusses nation-wide problem of various declining aspects of education.

Star Photo by David Krushell

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STAR EDITORIALS

More Than Schoolboy Fight

Trustee Monroe Richman and Chancellor Leslie Koltai have had an apparent "feud" going for quite a while, but at a recent closed-door meeting things got a little out of hand.

Star views these actions of Richman, who got up from his seat, walked over to where Koltai was sitting, and began swinging at him after Koltai had made a remark that infuriated him, as not only counter-productive to the original purpose of the meeting, but embarrassing behavior for a man in his position.

Star can understand how Richman, who is Jewish, could easily become upset at Koltai, who is also Jewish, for a remark he made concerning Richman's interest in the Jewish community, but challenges his methods of expression.

Star feels that since the district is such a vital blood line for the nine community colleges, any dispute between its members should not reach the point where they begin squaring each other off.

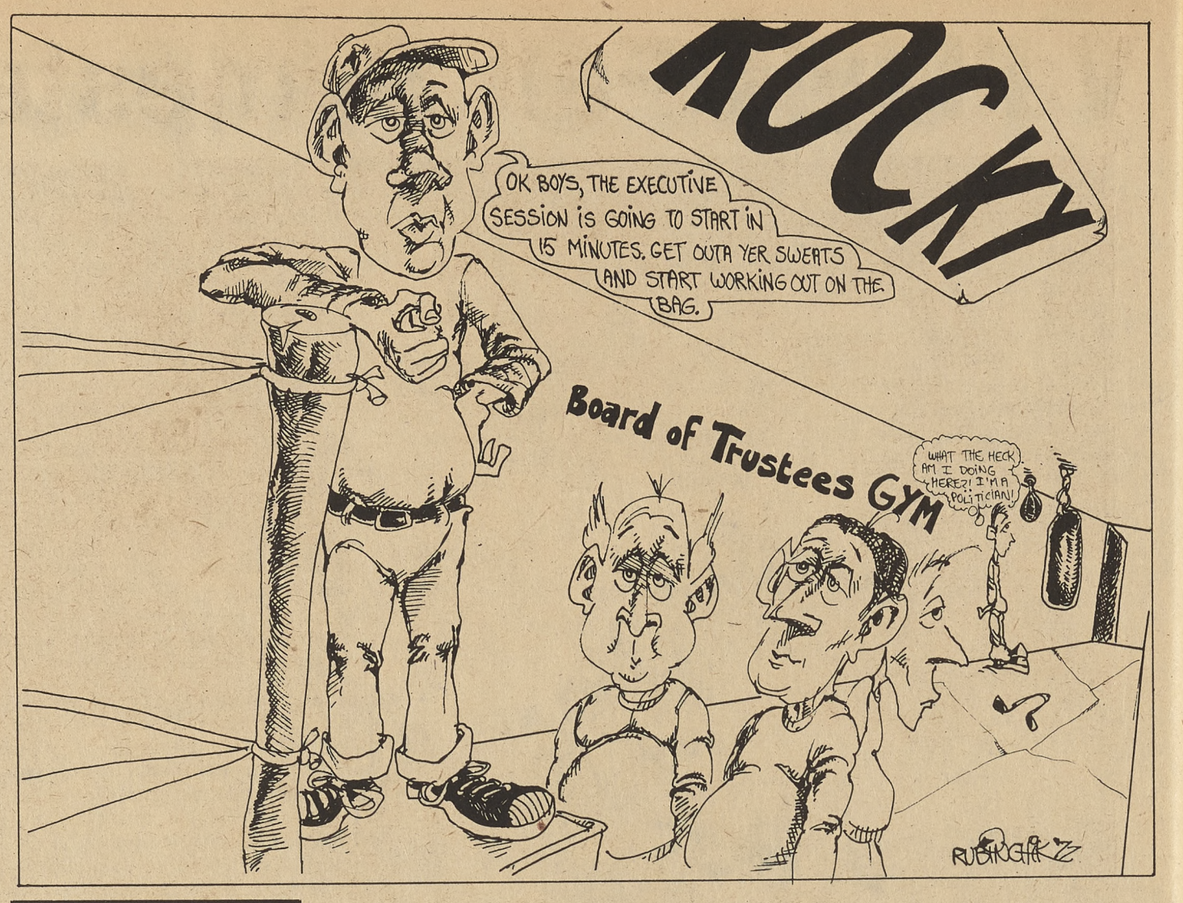
These people are put into positions of power to make decisions that will benefit the college district. Star feels that a certain amount of protocol should be used in these procedings, and this protocol does not include hurting the first person who disagrees with you.

Star hopes that in the future, if Richman and Koltai, or any other board members for that matter, become abusive toward one another, they will look back at this incident as a reminder of how not to act.

Since Richman is an apparent "adult," Star finds it appalling to think that he would resort to violence as a means of settling a disagreement.

Whether Richman had sufficient reason to attack Koltai is not the question.

Apparently, Richman felt the only way to convince Koltai that he was sincere in his attempts to obstruct an agreement that Koltai had been pushing for, was to resort to methods that should have gone out with the cave man.


ROCKY
OK BOYS, THE EXECUTIVE SESSION is GOING TO START IN 15 MINUTES. GET OUTA YER SWEATS AND START WORKING OUT ON THE BAG.
Board of Trustees GYM
WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING HERE?! I'M A POLITICIAN!
RUBACKZ

Orchids, Onions Awards

This is this semester's last issue of the Star, so the time has come for the Orchids and Onions Awards.

The "Double O Awards," as they are better known, are a tradition which we look forward to each semester to recap famous events and people.

So without further ado, may we have the envelope please ...

Onions and the "Worst Practical Joke Award" go to whoever designed the phone system for the college. Everyone knows that it is a joke trying to make a phone call from one of these phones, and it's not an exceptionally funny joke.

Orchids and "Most Quotable Award" goes to David Whitelaw, ASO vice-president. Whitelaw came up with some of the most nothing statements. i.e. "The sky is blue today." He would follow one of these mundane quotes with, "and you can quote me on that."

Orchids and "Most Likely to Succeed Award" go to Bruno Cicotti, coordinator of student affairs. Cicotti is leaving Valley to become executive vice-president for "The Captain and Tennille."

Onions and the "Party Wrecker Award" go to God for making it rain on club day. Way to go, God.

Orchids and the "Strongest Membership of One Award" goes to Rob Myers, spokesperson for Athusoc. The Athusoc club has one member, Myers. But that one member is incredibly devoted.

And that's it. So much for Fall of '77.

INTROSPECT

Now, On Becoming a Zen Riddle

By DOUG CURRAN
Fine Arts Editor

What's it like to be a Zen riddle?

It's like nothing at all.

A flash of lightning. The smash of thunder. An old woman sits with a cup of coffee at Norms Restaurant at three a.m. thinking, "I wonder if I am sitting behind this little booth or if the booth is sitting behind me."

Just then the door swings open but the room is completely empty: the wind blew it open. The window was open and outside the window was the same as inside the window.

It was one afternoon last week when she was trying to figure out that if there was a big forest with no one around for miles and there was a big frog making lots of noise, (but remember, there was no one around for miles) was the frog making noise if no one was able to hear it?

Once there was this fence post but there was no fence to be seen for miles. Every day, a large bird of some sort would sit on the fence post just before sunset. No trees were to be seen. What happened was that a long time ago, someone wanted to put a fence up but then later decided not to put it up, so all that was left was just the post for the bird to sit on.

Then there was the guy who was trying to figure out The Problem. After sometime, no solution could be found, so the next thing to do was not to try and figure out the problem but just figuring out if there was any problem in the first place.

At six a.m. a little guy was sitting and watching the day starting as another man in a hurry went by him on his way to town. Just before sunset the man in a hurry was on his way back when he saw the other man still sitting where he was in the morning. So he stopped and said to the man sitting there with a very subtle smile on his face, "What do you do? You've been here all day." The little man replied, "It's not what you do, but how you do it."

REFLECTIONS

Adios, So Long, Good Bye

By JIM BOLAND
Editor-in-Chief

As I embark on filling my nine or 10 inches beneath the editorial cartoon for the final time. I find my concentration rotating between those two points:

1. This is the last time.
2. The alloted space seems inadequate to sum up my feelings.

I don't want to sound maudlin about my term as editor coming to an end. I actually couldn't be happier. It's been fun at times, hardwork all the time, depressing many times, a cause for paranoia occasionally, but never boring.

But the true reason I am happy about this facet of my life concluding is that it means I've grown a step closer toward the goals I have set for myself, and aided immensely in achieving their attainment.

But how was it beneficial? Especially when it has never been my aspiration to become a newspaper editor or even a reporter for very long. It has necessitated the close involvement with people. Probably the most important requisite for anyone pursuing a career as a writer.

During the past semester I have come into contact with people of different cultures, ideologies and desires, and grown because of it.

Another area it has enhanced that is vital to writers is the ability to research ideas. And beyond the research, to differentiate the facts and interpret them correctly. This was the most difficult task since many people just can't seem to tell you the truth about an issue, or they cleverly omit certain facts to completely convey another idea.

Though this was the hardest, it was also the most fun. The sense of accomplishment I felt when I would get the truth out of one of these Pinnochios was, to use a modern euphamism, a rush. Not that I was always right, but I think I was always fair.

There are so many people to thank the list would read like a small-town phone directory.

It is unavoidable that I will omit certain deserving people, and that I regret, but some cannot go unnamed.

I can start with my advisers who have called my work everything from "great" and "moving" to "the biggest piece of crap I have ever read." They are mostly responsible for any degree of success I have attained.

To all the staff workers who have worked tirelessly, occasionally as much as 36 consecutive hours so that we could put out a product that was worthwhile. I think we succeeded, and I'm confident that Albert and the new staff will do the same.

So to them and everyone else I say good luck and adios.

VIEWPOINT

IOC Attendance Rule 'Lax' Meaning, Value

By GERALD SITSER
Staff Writer

The IOC (Inter-Organizational Council) has a rule requiring mandatory attendance of all club representatives. This rule is not enforced, is discriminatory towards small clubs, and serves no practical purpose.

Carol Heiman is one of those feeling the "threat," as she calls it, of the policy. Her Sociology Club has only five members for whom mandatory attendance means inconvenience and missed classes. For her, a policy of voluntary participation at the Thursday IOC meetings is ideal.

Each club must submit the name of a representative and alternates at the start of the semester. Should a representative not attend a total of three meetings, the IOC constitution provides for suspension of the club's charter. Now the provision states the charter "may" be suspended, leaving punitive action up to the vice-president in charge of the council. This semester's officer, David Whitelaw, has so far failed to make any such move, expressing on his part a desire to enact "justice with mercy," a noble aspiration.

But what good is an unenforced rule? In protest, Heiman proposed an amendment to the constitution at last week's meeting that would repeal the rule and defend the existence of any small club without enough membership to spread the attendance around. The amendment couldn't be put to vote, however, as there weren't enough people present to form the necessary two-thirds quorum.

Whitelaw felt the proposal looked a trifle ridiculous in light of the low attendance. But we have a little Catch-22 here. Whitelaw contends that the IOC would become the Inter-**dis**Organizational Council without mandatory attendance. Yet by his own contention, many clubs have failed to comply with the rule without facing punishment. This gives the executive officer no grounds on which to defend the rule, as not enough members were maintained at a meeting to discuss the rule. And yet, the last time I looked, IOC was still intact.

Willing participation is the key to a democratic body. And the organization is bound to function more efficiently when the members attend from their own sense of responsibility and not from having attendance forced upon them, as could happen in any coming semester while the rule remains in effect. The amendment goes up for vote again in February under a new administration. We must wait to see whether enough members attend to finally decide whether enough members should attend.

DEBATE

Grading System: Is It Passing or Failing?

PRO

By MICHAEL GOULD
Assoc. City Editor

Experimentation with pass/fail and non-punitive grading systems, which grew out student protests in the late '60's, has proved to be an academic catastrophe.

Universities such as Stanford and Yale experimented with alternative grading systems, and their deans found that the liabilities far outweighed the assets.

Confusion among the faculty of Valley College about grading policy has, according to the Academic Standards Committee, seriously damaged the academic integrity of our school.

The grading system, which is presently being used, is not always perfect, but it is better than the alternatives.

Grades facilitate communication. They indicate to the student, professor, and prospective employer levels of skill, knowledge, and work habits.

Pass/fail indicates very little.

Students can use grades to assist them in making decisions about majors and program planning. Grades can also answer questions students have about their ability.

Prospective employers use grades in determining the student's decision making and problem solving abiltiy. Generally, this indicates how well a student will do on the job.

Professors can use grades in gauging knowledge and work habits. And in a competitive educational institution, grades can be highly motivating.

Some instructors complain that grades are the most burdening responsibility they have. These instructors' toughest job should be their daily preparation for teaching classes.

Most instructors use grades as a tool of communication. Without a full set of these tools the educator is handicapped and the student suffers.

Motivation is another key factor in education. Often, when students aren't motivated, and when the instructor cannot be all-inspiring, the weight of a test that counts double will make the student study harder.

A big test will certainly make me study more.

The student who pursues an "A" will certainly get more out of a class than the student willing to settle for a "pass."

Give me the "A" anyday.

CON

By DOUG CURRAN
Fine Arts Editor

Under the present grading system, the individual who is able to memorize the most gets the highest grade. Little emphasis is placed on individual discovery and creative perception.

Grades are more like prizes to be won than an honest reflection of an individual's effort in any given class. Grades are a hinderance to self perception and personal creativity because they breed an assembly-line philosophy to higher education. The word "learning" soon takes on the same meaning as memorization.

Here I propose an alternative to the present grading system:

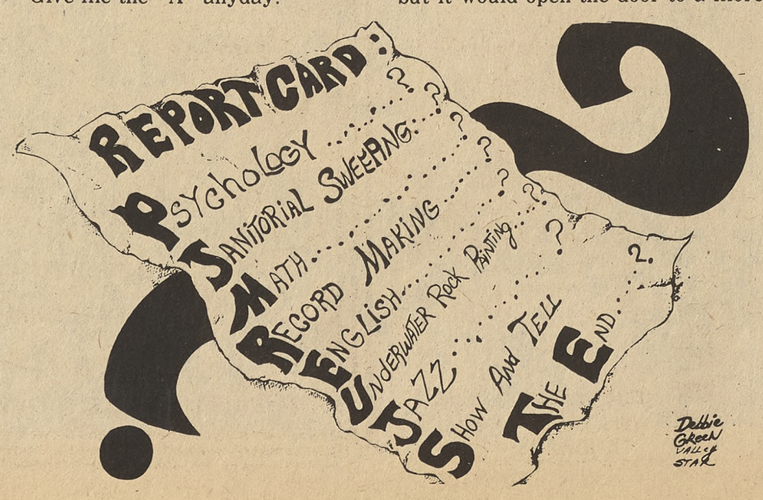
1. All students should be required to take "orals" from the professor. This would not only create a closer learning situation with student and professor, but it would open the door to a more direct form of communication between the instructor and the student. The "orals" would consist of dialogue between instructor and student and would consist of major points of the class.

2. A thesis paper on some part of the course in which the student has a particular interest would be another qualification to complete the course. This would stimulate the student to search for a topic in the class that would create a sense of individual discovery.

3. All classes should be on a pass-fail basis. Students who completed the "orals" and the thesis paper, along with regular attendance would simply pass. This is all that would be required and would take all the phony competition out of education. This would take all the worry out of the education system and simply reduce it to a more refined and humane atmosphere.

If this system were used, students could concentrate more on learning and less on "temporary memorization." I'm sure that students would retain a lot more from the respective course if this procedure were employed. And if it were started during the elementary school ages, grades would not be necessary because of this change in attitude.

Attending a class for a grade is like buying an expensive camera so I can focus my creative ideas with it. After I have shot all the film, instead of having it developed, I throw it away without having ever looked at it.



LETTER TO THE STAR

Student Criticizes Star's Policy on Campus News

Dear Editor,

I am very upset with your policy for printing news of events on campus.

I have always thought that the purpose of a newspaper was to inform the readers of things that are of interest. The practice of this newspaper seems to fall short of this purpose.

I realize that there is not always room to print everything that is turned in before deadline, but that is no excuse to leave out **important** information of activities when there are articles that are unimportant and old news printed instead.

I am referring to the article on page 5 of the Jan. 5, 1978 issue concerning the Jewish Holidays. Though this is important the article is over four months old and has been printed at least once before.

This space could have been better utilized by my article on the **coming** "March of Dimes Superwalk '78" which will be held January 29 and needs publicity.

I trust that you will now print my article and hope that in the future you will use better discretion when choosing what is to be printed in the paper.

Lee Wygand
I.O.C. Representagive for the Science/Science Fantasy Club and
L.A.V.C. Publicity Chairman for "March of Dimes Superwalk '78"

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Valley's Fall Semester Events Highlighted

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By SHERYL RABOY
News Editor

Several of the events that seasoned the fall semester at Valley College were the building of the swimming pool, the institution of a no-smoking section in the Valley Galley, and the many campus debates concerning the Allan Bakke case.

Construction of the pool had barely started when it was halted by a strike. However, it was short-lived and work resumed within a few hours.

Several campus improvements and additions were made this semester.

Requests by irate non-smokers caused a portion of the cafeteria and the International Room to be closed to smokers.

A foundation for a ski ramp was built from the dirt removed so the pool could be put in. All that is needed now to finish the ramp is a special surface.

Valley's new room of relaxation, the 'rec room,' allows students with free time the chance to enjoy a game of pinball, pool, or foozball, accompanied optionally by a tune from a jukebox.

MORE ADVICE

Through the work of Associated Student's President, John Donohue, legal aid to students with a paid I.D. has been expanded in that the lawyer is on campus for several days instead of his previous one day availability.

A new publication entitled Communicate, was another brainchild of Donohue's. Its purpose is to inform students of happenings within student government and it also contains a tear-off portion that students are encouraged to relay feedback on.

Seriously in question is the future existence of A.S.O. after the Los Angeles Community College District regains control of the bookstores on each of the nine campuses, from which A.S.O. gets the funds they operate on.

Dr. Alice J. Thurston, president of Valley, believes that A.S.O. will survive " . . . depending on how well it gets its act together, as far as defining their role goes."

One of the major accomplishments brought about by A.S. was the return of Homecoming. It was the first one in three years, the festivities being brought to a high point when Cyndie Ventress and Phil Miller were crowned Homecoming Queen and King.

Unlike the defeat suffered by the Monarchs at the Homecoming game, a victory was scored by several Valley professors as they worked together to seek better ways of education, finally coming up with a proposal for a program to diagnose learning difficulties, which won Valley a $133,300 grant from the National Science Foundation.

The proposal envisions the expansion of a Life Science Learning Center to serve the specialized learning needs of all regular, part-time, returning and educationally disadvantaged students enrolled in Valley science classes.

BAKKE CASE

Other disadvantaged students were heatedly discussed in several debates concerning the Allan Bakke case, where he, a white male, was twice denied admission to the University of California Medical School of Davis and subsequently sued UC on the grounds that their special admission program, affirmative action, violated his civil rights.

In one such campus confrontation, Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein remarked that preferential treatment, even with the intent of aiding minorities, increases racism.

In rebuttal to Goldstein's statement, Donohue said that affirmative action programs are necessary to create a fair system where minorities, who have historically been pushed out of the upper stratosphere of society, are allowed to partake in professions previously denied them.

Also pushing for human rights were several students who were arrested while at the Russian Trade Fair, while demonstrating for the freeing of Soviet Jews.

Five of the six students were from Professor Zev Garber's Jewish Religious Heritage class which met at the convention center, while the other student was a Star photographer who was not demonstrating but merely taking pictures of the demonstration.

One key decision made this semester by the newly-formed committee on Academic Standards will take effect in Fall '78. That is the strict enforcement of academic probation and disqualification if a student does not keep his grades above a 2.0 grade point average.

No students have been disqualifed or placed on probation for the past three years because "somebody" had removed the computer program containing the student's names, according to John Lee, assistant dean of admissions.

As far as the associate in arts degree goes, the standards necessary to receive that are being redressed. The Committee on Academic Standards has stated in its report to the District its proposal that the minimum number of transferable units be upped from 15 to 32, and that the A.A. requirements be more specific in regards to the general education classes one must take in order to qualify for the A.A.

ANYTHING GOES

There have been more festive occasions at Valley this semester, including Club Day and Anything Goes Day.

Club Day consisted of many booths set up by the various clubs on campus who hoped to boost their enrollment, and generate spirit and student involvement in school activities.

Anything Goes Day was concocted by the Interorganizational Council (I.O.C.) who hoped to increase curiosity about I.O.C. and bring more students to the meetings.

The festivities included a water-balloon toss and a relay race. Chairman of the event, Steve Kaplan, wanted to attract the students' attention with these antics, hoping they would walk up to the people involved and say, "What is going on?" so he could explain to them what I.O.C. is all about.

This semester has proved to be one consisting of both small and large changes, including proposals for many more changes.

Education Discussed

Traditional and non-traditional educational programs will be discussed by a panel of educators on Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in UCLA's faculty center.

The effectiveness of traditional educational programs and the value of non-traditional programs in the community college will be discussed by the panelists, consisting of Dr. Alexander W. Astin, director, Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA; Dr. Arthur Cohen, director of ERIC Clearinghouse for Junior Colleges; Dr. Marie Martin, director of the Community College Unit, U.S. Office of Education (retired); and Dr. John T. McCuen, vice-chancellor of Educational Planning and Development, L.A. Community Colleges.

Clubs

Blood, Sweat, and Tears

The Monarch Hockey Booster Club is holding a meeting at Laurel Plaza Ice Rink, Sunday, Jan. 17, at 10:30 p.m., to view the game between Valley and Occidental College. The faint-hearted and weak-kneed people need not attend.

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Search for Top-flight Assistant Ends; Beauchemin Best Pick

BRAVO—Brian Beauchemin (left) gives the Monarchs a round of applause, as Head Coach Jim Stephens looks on in agreement.

By HAL KLEIN
Staff Writer

Success and a love for youngsters is what makes this young basketball coach popular.

In the past three seasons, the Monarchs have had three assistant coaches, and head Coach Jim Stephens feels that he found the one he was looking for in the 32-year-old Beauchemin.

'Beauch' started his coaching career at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, where he was at the helm for seven years.

In seven years, he has coached at all levels possible, Cee's, Bee's, Junior Varsity, and Varsity.

"I am fortunate that I have coached at every level in succession in high school," stated Beauchemin. "I had success in the lower levels, as well as at the Varsity level."

While coaching at Notre Dame his high school alma mater, Beauchemin had a 109-58 record. He won three Del Rey League Championships for the Knights, and made the CIF playoffs five of his seven years.

Besides coaching he has been quite active in many projects involving youth programs. He worked as an assistant coach at the Gail Goodrich-Eligan Baylor Basketball Camp for three years, and the Bill Sharman Camp for a year.

College is Beauchemin's next step with hopes of reaching a long range goal-to coach at a four-year institution.

"I've always set my goals to coach at a four year institution, and coming to Valley is a step in the right direction," he said.

Beauchemin is a fundamentalist, and will drill and drill until he gets everything he can out of his players.

In college, Beauchemin feels that he could get his players to reach their potential faster than in high school.

"College is a lot 'tougher' because you have to make your players feel like adults," he said. "In high school they are younger and you have a vice grip on them."

Beauchemin excepted the "extremely tough" job of recruiting, which he feels is an enjoyable job in the life of this coach.

"I enjoy recruiting, because you learn about other people, and other walks of life," he said.

Off the basketball court he loves the beach,—especially body surfing when he has the opportunity. 'Beauch' also enjoys raquetball and reading in his spare time.

This graduate from the University of San Francisco does not have it easy. He teaches at Notre Dame as well as at Valley College.

A typical day for Beauchemin begins with teaching at Notre Dame from 8-2, and then he rushes to Valley for a 2:30 practice.

After finishing a three hour practice he will either go to teach his night classes or go to high school games to scout.

He resides in Northridge with his wife Kathy, and children Jon, 6, Amy 1½.

The humor he has keeps him and his players going while in rough times.

HIGH ANXIETY—Though very rewarding, coaching does have its drawbacks. Here, Beauchemin experiences one of many that'll come during his career—the frustration and anticipation of watching his team compete. Since Beauchemin's arrival, much pressure has been alleviated, both for Coach Stephens and the entire Men's Athletic Department.

Star Photos by Craig Molenhouse

Cagers Bounce Past Alumni, Mountaineers

By TONI DRAKE
Sports Editor

After suffering from a mild case of the basketball "blues," Coach Jim Stephens and the VC hoopsters made a healthy recovery, winning two of two games last week to prepare them for their second conference game of the young season hosting arch-rival Pierce College tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

VALLEY 93—ALUMNI 91

It looked like it was going to be one of those typical Valley College pre-season games—disappointing, but alas, the Monarch varsity squad revived from a 26-point deficit at the half to nip the alumni, 93-91 on Jan. 4.

Valley's alumnus took the varsity squad by surprise with the brilliant outside shooting of guard Derek Simien from the 1974-75 team, and last year's assistant basketball coach Mike Montgomery, who proved that his quickness and passing abilities have not deteriorated since he last played for VC two years ago.

After playing a hedious first half, resulting in a 52-34 slump, the Monarchs broke loose from the inconsistent shooting which had plagued them the entire year, hitting 25-35 in the second half of play.

Performing well for the Monarchs were guard Russ Peterson who pumped in 17 points, 10 rebounds, and seven assists, and freshman Jim Holland, who dropped in 16 points and five assists.

Newcomer Lonnie Camper swished in 15 points and gained 12 rebounds, while Steve Scott led the second half charge, scoring 12 of his 14 points and grabbing seven rebounds and one assist.

Scott Soller showed great consistency from the free-throw line, scoring the majority of his eight points. Center John McDonough contributed seven points and five rebounds.

Rounding out the scoring were Ken Burns with six points, Dwight Strayer with four points and five rebounds, Darrell Herberg with four points, and Tom Crawford contributing two points.

The alumni squad, composed of the following players, Scott Shepley, Rick Bannister, and Mike Jones, were led by the forces of Simien and Montgomery, dunking in 14 points apiece.

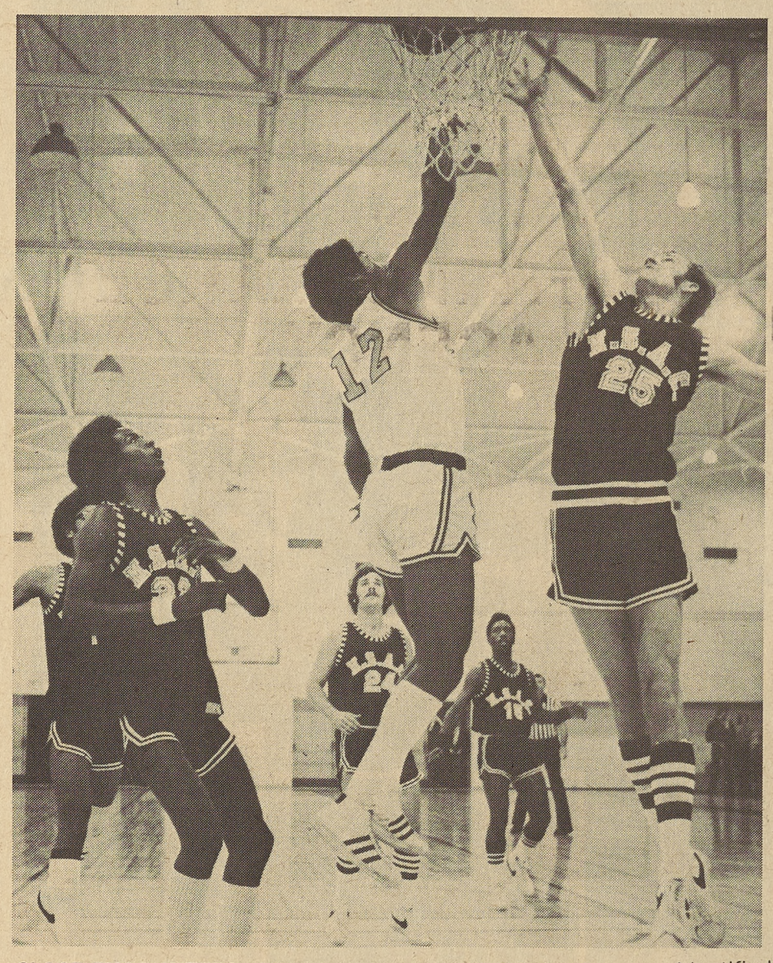
Valley 54—Mt. SAC 50

"We played up to our capabilities, and the squad played basketball the way it was designed to be," stated Brian Beauchemin, VC's assistant basketball coach, after defeating the sixth rank team in the State, Mt. San Antonio, 54-50 at home, Jan. 7.

This is the first time that the Monarchs have played with their heads defensively, rather than just bodily actions, "usually" resulting in mistakes.

Since Valley's concentration was at its best, the Monarchs found themselves out of the red foul wise, and rebounded well against the tall mountaineers.

Scott played his best game of the year, snagging 18 points and three rebounds. Camper sunk in 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while Holland swished in nine points.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS—VC guard Jim Holland (12) battles an unidentified Mt. SAC "Mountaineer" for possession of the ball.

Hockey Club Blows Lead, Iced by Pierce

By JOE LOVELL
Assoc. Sports Editor

Valley's Hockey Club blew a two-goal lead going into the third period, allowing Pierce College to strengthen its grasp on first place, losing to the Brahmas 5-4, last Monday night.

Even Kate Smith's recording of "God Bless America" didn't overcome the Brahmas superiority, as player-coach Gerry Feher tried the ploy to fire up his team.

"After taking the 4-2 lead, we fell into a defensive shell," said Feher, "and as a result we made some mental errors."

Pierce was called for 13 of the total 19 penalties in the hotly contested game, including the ejection of a player for throwing a stick at a fan. Valley's Mark Cooper and Pierce's Sean O'Connell were ejected for fighting, though it appeared that Cooper was the aggressor.

Valley, who will play Occidental College next Sunday, Jan. 17 at Laurel Plaza Ice Rink at 10:30 p.m., received a three-point night from center Rob Walker (two goals, one assist), and winger Tom Basile notched one assist.

Feher was forced to juggle his "Playboy Line" due to a suspension to winger Mike Moline, but John Cook filled in nicely, scoring the goal that gave Valley a 3-2 lead. Linemate Randy Gottlieb scored a goal and two assists, and Jeff Rector added an assist to give the line five points for the game.

Tryouts Set For Women's Spring Sports

In an effort to upgrade the sports program for women at VC, Diedra Stark, women's athletic director, has announced that seven intercollegiate sports will be offered this Spring for women.

"We want to make competition available to all girls interested," said Stark.

The coaches for the sports will be: Marla O'Connell, basketball, Robbie Mulkey, softball; Doris Castaneda, tennis; Margie Gonzalez, coed-badminton; Mike Wagenbach, track & field; Bonnie Galbreath, gymnastics; and Joanne Waddel, swimming.

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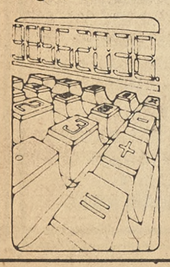

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Circus Posters In Art Gallery

By LISA RECHETNIK
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

"The Greatest Show on Earth." "World's Greatest Trained Wild Animal Performance." "America's Most Fearless and Daring Horsewoman." The circus? At Valley College? Regretably, it is only The Norman Carroll Memorial Circus Collection that is on display now through Jan. 20 in the Art Gallery, located in the art building on campus. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and again from 6:45 until 9 p.m.

Unfortunately, this particular exhibit will probably appeal only to those who already have an avid interest in the circus. The posters are stark and repetitious, and unless you are particularly fond of pictures of clowns and elephants, you will find this exhibit extraordinary only in the amount of boredom it produces.

This extensive collection of lithographs and stock woodblock prints were gathered over a lifetime in the circus by one-time clown, ringmaster, and press agent for numerous circuses, the late Norman Carroll. His wife was responsible for arranging them into a memorial exhibit. It's a nice gesture to be sure, but the result can only be called disappointing.

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UNDER THE BIG TOP—A few of the circus lithographs on display in the art gallery now through Jan. 20, all are from the Norman Carrol Memorial Circus Collection. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and from 6:45 until 9 p.m.

Star Photo by David Krushell

Fine Arts Happenings

"A Studio Performance of Dance"

The Dance Division of Women's Physical Education will present an informal "Studio Performance of Dance" at 11 a.m. today in the Dance Studio of the Women's Gym. Admission is free. The program will consist of excerpts from class projects, student finals and student choreography.

Nine o'clock Jazz at Eleven

A concert by the Valley College A-Band will start at 11 a.m. in M 106. Admission is free.

LAVC Jazz Band

The LAVC Jazz and Dance Bands will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Another performance of the Jazz Band will be on Monday at 8 p.m. Both concerts will stage in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

LAVC Symphony Orchestra

The LAVC Symphony Orchestra will give a concert Friday Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

Circus Show

The Norman Carroll Memorial Circus Collection consisting of 75 lithographs dating from the turn of the century will be on display in the art gallery until Jan. 20. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

Planetarium Lecture

The astronomy department will present "A New View of an Old Solar System" Friday Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the planetarium. Admission is free.

Close Encounters

The Science Fiction Fantasy Club proudly presents a seminar on U.F.O.'s. The first presentation, entitled "Close Encounters of the Third Kind?" will be held Jan. 12 in the Planetarium at 11 a.m.

Punk Rock: Two Views on This Extremely Controversial Subject

PRO

By LISA RECHETNIK
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

Much maligned, and misunderstood, Punk Rock is indeed a valid form of creative expression.

Nothing can be more valid than ones feelings, although anger, disilusionment and despair rarely have an outlet in the art world. They can be found quite easily in the works of Existentialist writers, but never, until now, within the musical format.

It started in America with Iggy Pop, and in England with the Sex Pistols, and has several notable groups that add their participation to the growing ranks of Punk Rock groups across both nations.

Their music is primitive and undisciplined, raw and forceful; an honest expression of emotions that most people would rather deny.

The impact of Punk Rock can be felt in varying degrees on just about every level of social strata. Several television news shows have featured representative spokesmen; newspapers and magazines can be counted on to include in their layouts some bit of information about the Punk scene. Even the book store at Valley College sells Punk Rock calenders for 1978.

Admittedly Punk Rock music is rarely pleasant to listen to. However, not every aspect of life is pleasing or beautiful. It is time for the more negatively valued feelings to gain recognition.

CON

By JIM BOLAND
Editor-in-Chief

Punk-Rock.

The only complimentary thing I can say about it is that it is named correctly.

So, the interesting phenomenon is why people waste their time and money to see these self-proclaimed punks. Notice, I said see and not listen.

I imagine most of the punk-fans view the acts as novelties, and in many cases prefer listening to music instead of this over-amplified dissonance. However, I don't think people realize that when they economically support these "alleged performers" they are squeezing truly talented people out of the spotlight.

The latest group of no talent rip-off artists to gain notoriety is Britains "Sex-pistols."

One of their more Distinctive parts of their act is to spit on each other during a performance. Sometimes they interrupt their guitar playing (?) by picking their nose on stage.

I'm sure this is turning off quite a few of readers but it gets worse, so if you have a weak stomach, I caution you.

And apparently the blank-shooting pistols have weak stomachs too.

For their not-so-grand finale Sid Vicous and Johnny Rotten, the leaders of the group, take breaks from their screaming warhoops to vomit for the audience. True talent.

When the group of misfits was finally granted visas to showcase their static in the U.S. a group of protesters showered them with garbage. How Foolish! The degenerates probably enjoyed every minute of it.

Many people will continue to say they find these low-lifes humorous and harmless, but I'm not laughing.

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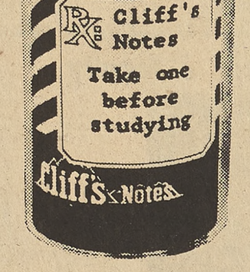

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McGuire Is Month's Prof

By SHARON KLAPPER
Staff Writer

Recently chosen as "professor of the month," Tom McGuire, English instructor, really cares about his students, doing what he can to help them learn. He has had many former students return and thank him for teaching them so well.

McGuire has been an English instructor at Valley for 23 years, and really enjoys teaching. No one else has been in the department as long.

He teaches many different courses, ranging from Remedial English to Literature. Some of his favorites are American Literature (Eng. 7 and 8), Composition (Eng. 1), Introduction to Literature (Eng. 2), and Contemporary Literature (Eng. 14).

Before teaching at Valley, he taught high school in Fresno and night school at Los Angeles City College. His first teaching experience was at UCLA, where he was a teaching assistant.

Of all his teaching jobs, he prefers Valley College "because we have the biggest range of students, and they're the most diversified." He continued, "You find the most interesting students here, and besides, they're better off at a junior college."

"Statistics show students learn more and maintain higher grades when they attend a junior college first," McGuire commented. "I strongly recommend it for young people. You learn more, and save money. As far as lower division courses go, you should get them at a junior college."

McGuire then talked about Valley College. "When you've been in a school for such a long time, some strange things happen. With some of my students now, I remember teaching their mothers."

"The best thing is when students come back after graduating UC Berkeley or somewhere, and thank me for teaching them," McGuire said. "It makes me happier than anything else to hear them say they've been well taught, and say thanks for the godawful papers you made us do, because they've helped," he relates. "One came back to forgive me," he chuckled.

IT'S A BIRD . . . IT'S A PLANE — Earth Sciences Professor Richard Rascoff, alias "Desert Dick," who often takes students on trips to observe geographical features, demonstrates his flying ability. Star photo by Tom Neerken

Desert Dick Shows Volcanic Personality, Sense of Humor

By PAT BOWER
Feature Editor

Desert Dick, the daring do-gooder and drinker of Dr. Pepper. The fabulous frontier field trip leader and the cosmic conqueror of the sky.

A comic book hero?

No.

None other than Professor Richard Raskoff, chairman of the Earth Science department at Valley.

It was in a geography class two years ago I first met Raskoff, he was teaching the class and I was fullfilling one of my general education requirements in taking it.

In looking at him, he seemed just like any other professor, average height, weight, and age. There is nothing physically that would make him stand out in a crowd, except for his eyes.

When he looks at you, his brown eyes flash, and the corners of his mouth turn up slightly as if getting ready for a smile. And when he does smile, his eyes glimmer and his cheeks stretch out his black goatee, that matches the color of his long curly hair.

Raskoff was amusing from the very beginning, with his daily "Dr. George-like" weather forecasts. Daily he somehow always wove into the talk, Dr. Pepper, his favorite soft drink.

"You and your loved one might be strolling out under the stars," he would say, "enjoying a Dr. Pepper, and if the conversation gets dull, you can tell her about today's lecture soil gradation. The earth you're standing on consists of an average of three feet of top soil supported by bedrock, forming the first layers of the earth's crust."

By the end of the semester I was beginning to wonder if he took his bath while drinking a Dr. Pepper.

But more famous than his stories about Dr. Pepper and "you and your loved one," are his field trips. Raskoff conducts field trips to local places of interest, downtown Los Angeles, and to weekend excursions to Randsburg, a desert ghost town, and has even led one as far as Yosemite.

Raskoff also has a pilot's license and takes lucky students up to show them the San Andreas fault from the air, or flies out over the coast to look for whales. Anything to help illustrate what he is teaching.

Raskoff is known too for his sense of humor. On one particular field trip, prior to leaving, the bus driver asked anyone who became carsick to please sit next to a window. Prof. Raskoff asked, "how about the teacher?"

The bus driver said kiddingly, "get off the bus," and opened the door. Raskoff jumped off the bus, almost knocking over a pair of elderly joggers, and sprinted a couple of blocks away from the bus.

When the bus finally caught up with Raskoff and he got in, everyone was in hysterics, because the expressions of the elderly joggers seeing Raskoff jump off the bus were hilarious.

Raskoff may have a strange sense of humor to some, and a funny way of instructing, but it works. I can still remember things I learned two years ago.

What's Happening

Defense Workshop

A counter assault workshop for women enrolled at Valley will be held Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. in the Men's Gym. Prevention, teachnique demonstrations, and a question and answer period will be conducted.

Humanist Coalition

A Humanist Coalition for students and faculty is being planned as an on-campus activity. Interested students and faculty are asked to call Patrick Maguire at ext. 455 or call Burt Siskin at ext. 238.

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"The Libertarian Temperament vs. the Academic Temperament," a taped presentation by humanist philosopher Dr. John Hospers, is being sponsored by Athusoc on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. Meet in the Quad Area near the bungalows. For more info call Rob Myers, 787-4877.

March of Dimes

The March of Dimes will hold their annual Superwalk on Sunday, Jan. 29. Join in the competition by signing up with a campus club. Awards will be given to the clubs with the most participants and the most money per kilometer. Sponsor sheets and additional info will be available in front of the Behavioral Science building and in CC 100

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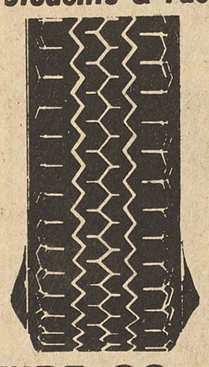

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Valley Star Staff Chosen for Spring

The new Valley Star editorial staff for the Spring semester has been chosen by Albert Arouh, in-coming editor-in-chief.

Next semester's editors will be Michael Gould, managing editor; Hunter Lowry, city editor; Gloria Beverage, news editor; and Joe Lovell, associate news editor. Sheryl Raboy will be feature editor.

Toni Drake will be sports editor with no associate as yet, and Gerald Sitser will be in charge of fine arts with Harry Fisher as his associate.

The Valley Star photography staff will be headed by David Krushell as chief photographer, Tom Neerken will be associate, and Josh Kaplan will be chief sports photographer.

"I am very excited about my new staff," said Arouh, "We have a good combination of talent, and people who are willing to work together."

Present editor-in-chief Jim Boland feels that, "Albert has made fine selections in choosing people who have displayed distinctive talent in the areas they will specifiically be working in."

Journalism Department Chairman Leo Garapedian commented on Arouh's selections, "The Valley Star is the most important program in our journalism curriculum as it patterns itself after a professional newspaper and it's run that way."

"The editors and publishers handle their responsibilities in the same way as their professional counterparts," he added.

King Tut Coming Alive In VC Lecture Series

King Tut, legendary Egyptian ruler over 2,000 years ago, will come alive at Valley College in the form of a lecture series to begin in January.

The first lecture, "Egyptology and Discovery of the Tombs," will be Jan. 17 in Monarch Hall at 7 p.m. The purpose behind this and the other lectures is to make people aware of the background behind the "Treasures of Tutankhamen" exhibit to be held at the L.A. County Museum of Art.

Each Tuesday evening a lecture will be held on the corresponding topics, Egyptian Religion and Burial Customs, to be Jan. 24; Life and Times of Tutankhamen, on Jan. 31; and Treasury of Tutanchamen, on Feb. 7. The Treasury of Tutankhamen exhibit is much larger than the others, consisting of 5,000 items.

After the lectures are completed, it will be time for the "Treasures of Tutankhamen" exhibit at the Art Museum. Los Angeles is only part of the tour, it is currently in New Orleans. After L.A., the exhibit moves to Seattle and then to New York City.

The popularity of the exhibit is shown by the fact that the show was sold out in the first week of ticket sales.

"Treasures of Tutankhamen" is being made possible in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the humanities, and matching grants from EXXon Corporation and the Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Charitable Trust.

Book Store Hours

The Book Store in the Campus Center is open to students and the community from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. It closes at 3:45 on Fridays and is not open on weekends.

Veterans Office

Information regarding G.I. benefits to draft counseling can be obtained in the Veterans Office 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, and from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. The office is located in A-126.

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